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## GERMAN SUCCESSES AT KOVNO CLAIMED BY BERLIN TODAY

**FORTS THAT LIE BETWEEN NIEMEN RIVER AND GESIA, TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTH OF KOVNO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY GERMANS TODAY.**

Much War Material, Including Two Hundred Forty Cannon and Forty-Eight Hundred Prisoners Taken in the Kovno Operations—Note on the Sinking of the William P. Frye Made Public at Washington Today, in Which it Accepts Proposal that Damage be Fixed by Mixed Commission and that Disputed Treaty Provisions be Submitted to Arbitration at the Hague—British Transport Sunk by German Submarine. Only Six Hundred Out of a Total of Fifteen Hundred on Board Having Been Saved.

London, Aug. 17.—The Germans have won new and important successes at Kovno, Berlin reports today capturing the forts that lie between the Niemen river and Gesia, two and one-half miles south of Kovno proper. Much war material, including 240 cannon and 4,500 prisoners, were taken in the Kovno operations.

**British Transport Sunk**  
London, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Six hundred are reported to have been saved out of more than fifteen hundred aboard.

**German Reply On Frye.**  
Washington, Aug. 17.—The American reply to Germany's last note on the sinking of the sailing ship, the William P. Frye, was made public here today. It accepts the proposal that the damage be fixed by a mixed commission and that the disputed treaty provisions be submitted to arbitration at the Hague.

**Contraband on Cotton.**  
Washington, Aug. 17.—The announcement of the allies putting cotton on the contraband list is expected here at any time. The state department has received advance notice of the coming decision of the countries at war with the Teutonic empires, which is expected to take the form of a uniform program to be adhered to by all of the entente powers. The American government has been assured that every means to prevent embarrassment to the American markets will be used.

**Germans Cross the Bug.**  
London, Aug. 17.—The left wing of the Bavarian army, under Prince Leopold, has fought its way across the Bug river near Drohiczyn, which lies to the east of Sokolow and is some fifty miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk, according to the official Berlin report. This move forms a slight wedge in the Russian line, which had been virtually straight since the Warsaw salient was abandoned.

Field Marshal von Mackensen also is reported to be pushing back the Russians along the Bug, where the Germans are advancing along the eastern bank of that river. Further west Field Marshal von Hindenburg is credited with a successful attack on the advanced defenses of Kovno, as well as a successful attempt to break the Russian line between the Narew and Bug after the Norzaw river had been crossed by the Germans.

These formed the most critical military movements of the day, but they attract less attention here than the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkans, where the crisis has not yet been reached. The most significant phase of today's news concerning the near-eastern situation was contained

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### WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Aug. 17.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is rain; Wednesday partly cloudy.

## CLERKS ENJOY SPLENDID OUTING YESTERDAY

**SALES PEOPLE IN LOCAL DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENTS ENTERTAIN EMPLOYERS AT LORENA PARK.**

The dry goods clerks of the local establishments entertained their employers at Lorena Park yesterday afternoon with a fine basket lunch, after which all enjoyed the natorium until a late hour.

The stores all closed promptly at six and a waiting car took them to the park, where the luncheon was soon spread and consumed. After the melons had been disposed of, the natorium was sought and enjoyed until a late hour. The party returned to the city by special car.

The following were present: Mrs. Henry Baum, Mrs. Sam Daube, Mrs. Harry Karlsburg, Leon Daube, Dave Daube, Miss Carol Daube, Harry Karlsburg, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Jones, St. Jordan, Doc Hayes, Everett Cruce, Mrs. Everett Cruce, Clem Cooper, B. W. Heard, Miss Daisie Gray, Miss Hattie Harper, Mrs. Lacy, Miss Lamp-ton, Miss Underwood, Miss Grace Jones, Mrs. L.B. Grubbs, Mrs. Manning, Miss McBride, Miss Latta, Mrs. Horn, Miss White, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Sallie Lee, Mrs. R. F. Jordan, Walter Madden, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Henry Baum, Mrs. Story, Alt McGee, Henry Story, James Haynes, Mrs. Walter Madden, Russell Lathrop.

## BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IS PREPARING

**FOR THE WINTER MONTHS — OLD BOXES AND BARRELS FOR KINDLING ARE STORED AT THE POLICE STATION.**

The benevolent society is preparing for the winter months. They have taken time by the forelock, and with the assistance of the police department with them, will begin to collect all the loose barrels and boxes in the city, store them in the yard, and reduce them to kindling wood.

Last year the benevolent society furnished over sixty loads of this wood to the needy of the city. The merchants have agreed to donate all their refuse boxes and barrels, and Chief of Police Hutchins has donated space in the jail yard to store them while being cut into proper lengths and sizes.

Anyone having boxes to donate, notify Mrs. Julius Kahn, and they will be sent for.

Liven up your business—try the Want Ads.

## MEXICANS WERE ON OWN SOIL

**MEXICANS WHO FIRED ON UNITED STATES TROOPS MONDAY WERE NOT IN U. S. SOIL.**

## NONE CAME ACROSS

**ONE AMERICAN KILLED AND ONE INJURED IN BATTLE BETWEEN DETACHMENT OF UNITED STATES CAVALRY AND THE MEXICANS WHO SHOT ACROSS RIO GRANDE.**

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 17.—Last night's fight at Progreso was by Mexicans firing from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

It became known today that none of them came across the line.

### American Troops Attacked.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 17.—Seventy armed Mexicans crossed the river near Santa Maria last night and attacked the United States cavalry outposts, killing Sergeant Wilman and wounding Lieutenant Roy O. Henry and two troopers, all of Troop C, Twelfth Cavalry. The attack was made at 9 o'clock. Additional soldiers are being rushed from nearby outposts to Santa Maria, Progreso and Mercedes.

Several hundred Mexicans armed with Mausers were lined up on the Mexican bank, according to official reports to State Adjutant General Henry Hutchins, in Brownsville. Ranger Captain Ransom and Ranger Sergeant Reynan hurriedly telephoned General Hutchings of the invasion and attack.

Messages to Fort Brown say three bands of Mexicans have crossed the river and that over 200 are moving to attack Mercedes.

A Mexican afternoon paper here yesterday printed a statement that it had information that General Nafarrate has ordered 2,000 additional Carranzista troops to Matamoros, with artillery, because of the increase of the Brownsville forces.

The number of Mexicans killed or wounded so far is not known. The attacking party began firing before leaving the Mexican bank. Progreso crossing is eight miles from Mercedes and Colonel Stockton, Texas national guard, said after the recent trouble there that a Mexican army could ford at this place.

The United States cavalry outpost was completely surrounded, and news of the situation was conveyed by one trooper who escaped and reached a telephone.

Brownsville military circles were stunned at the startling news of this unexpected attack. It had been feared more trouble was brewing, but the bold attack last night by large bands was absolutely a surprise.

About midnight Mercedes reported that it was impossible to tell whether any Mexicans remained on the Mexican side. At that time nearly 100 United States regulars were about the scene of the fighting and searching the mesquite and prickly pear brush nearby, assisted by more than 100 peace officers, rangers and vigilantes. Several men who came into Mercedes from the scene of the fighting said no one had found any Mexicans killed or wounded and the finding of bodies in thick brush from which the Mexicans fought was unlikely in the darkness.

The troops were unable to say whether the main body of Mexicans crossed to attack them or whether the crossing was a cloak to cover crossings at other nearby river points. In addition to the darkness the Mexicans had cover of thick brush and bends of river. During the height of the fighting the soldiers said many shots were fired from the Mexican bank opposite the camp.

### JUDGE LINDSEY HELD AS A GERMAN SPY

Denver, Aug. 16.—A letter from Judge Ben Lindsey tells of his arrest in Canada last week, as a German spy suspect. He was held in jail six hours.

## FRANK LYNCHED BY GEORGIA MOB

**PRISONER SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER TAKEN FROM PRISON AND HANGED.**

## NEAR GIRL'S HOME

**FRANK WAS LYNCHED WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE PLACE WHERE PHAGAN GIRL WAS REARED — WIFE OF FRANK EXPECTED IT.**

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo Frank, who was serving a life sentence in the Georgia penitentiary for the murder of Mary Phagan, was lynched early today two miles east of here on the Roswell road, after the mob had stormed the prison farm at Milledgeville and had taken Frank away from the warden and guards there. Frank was hanged to a tree.

Hundreds were attracted to the scene of the lynching today to view the body of the man, who had been brought nearly one hundred miles from the prison to within two miles of the place where the Phagan girl was reared.

Mrs. Frank is reported to have been expecting such a turn, and is bearing up well.

The prison officials at Milledgeville estimate that the mob which entered the prison farm there, and secured Frank numbered twenty-five, but it is believed that many more joined this party in the lynching of Frank. All wires leading to the prison farm had been previously cut.

## STORM SEVERE ALONG COAST OF HAITI

**ENTIRE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HAITIEN REPUBLIC SAID TO HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY VIOLENT STORM—VICTIMS NUMEROUS**

Port au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 17.—A violent storm has devastated the entire southern side of the Haitien republic.

The victims in the towns along the coast are numerous, but it is not known how many.

### WOMAN JAIL BREAKER CAUGHT

**Mrs. Sarah Davis of Stone County Walked Twenty Miles.**

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Sarah Davis, charged with felonious assault on John May as a result of a feud over a fence that separated their farms in Stone county, and who escaped from the county jail here yesterday, was caught today near the Christian county line, when she stopped to ask for food.

Barheaded and poorly clad, she had walked twenty miles. Her husband and two sons are in jail at Galena.

### MINISTER HANGS SELF.

**Uses Piece of Lead Pipe in Jail Cell for Noose.**

Southbend, Ind., Aug. 16.—Silas N. Ebersole, a former Dunkard minister, held for the murder of 15-year-old Hazel Macklin in August, 1914, committed suicide today in jail by hanging himself.

The former preacher broke off a small lead pipe from a disinfectant apparatus in the hallway over his cell and twisted it about his neck and around the bars of the cell over his head. He had trussed himself with towels and blankets so that in his death struggles he would not be able to release himself from the pipe.

Ebersole left nothing in the way of a confession, according to the coroner.

## GALVESTON HAS SAFELY PASSED THROUGH VERY SEVERE STORM

**WATER TODAY STANDS FIVE FEET DEEP IN THE DOWN-TOWN SECTION OF THE ISLAND CITY, AND PROPERTY LOSS HAS BEEN COMPARATIVELY SMALL.**

Two Fires Started This Morning, One of them at the Grand Hotel, But Are Now Believed Under Control—Commercial Wireless Stations at Galveston and at Port Arthur are out of Commission—Wires Down All Over South Texas—Unusually Small Property Loss, and No Loss of Life, Although Storm was the Most Severe in Past Fifteen Years. Transport McClelland Late Last Night Broke Loose from her Moorings and Drifted Half a Mile to Seaward—Storm Passed West of Galveston, Wearing Itself Out over Coastal Prairie.

## GRAHAM TOWNSHIP BUILDING GOOD ROADS

**COMMISSIONER EVANS EMPLOYS THE MEANS AT HAND DURING GOOD WEATHER AND IS GRADING HIGHWAYS.**

While the mayor and city commissioners are agitating the feasibility of employing state convicts on the roads of the county, Commissioner George Evans of the Third district is employing the means at hand and is grading the road from Graham to the Wildcat Jim well and has built three wooden bridges within the past week. Will Whitson is superintending the building of bridges. Mr. Evans stated this morning that unless some move was made pretty quick to get the convicts, that all the money available in his district would be used, and the same rule seems to apply to the other districts.

The heavy rains of the spring and early summer put the roads in a deplorable condition, and the cry for repairs became so great that the commissioners had to heed the call and do the best they could with the means at hand.

### WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR SEVENTY SUBMARINES

Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson today held a long discussion with Secretary Daniels over the navy situation. It is reported congress will be asked for two dreadnaughts, two battle cruisers, and 70 submarines.

## BARBECUE ON LABOR DAY AT LORENA PARK

**LABOR PEOPLE WILL HAVE BARBECUE, BALL GAME AND OTHER SPORTS — EXPECT TO PERFECT PLANS FRIDAY NIGHT.**

The Central Trades and Labor Council is planning for a big picnic and barbecue at Lorena park Monday, September 6.

The plans have not been fully worked out yet, but will be at the meeting called for that purpose for next Friday night.

Several plans have been discussed, but this one seems to meet with the approval of a majority of the council and will no doubt be adopted Friday night. A ball game and other amusements will be arranged and the traction company will furnish every facility for handling the crowds to and from the park, and making them comfortable while they are there.

The Weekly Ardmoreite reaches the farmer.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—At a late hour today all wires to Galveston, which has withstood the terrific storm, are still down and the only word from the isolated city was wireless communication by way of San Antonio this morning.

The report of five lives being lost at Galveston was dispatched from New Orleans, but no confirmation of this report can be obtained. A wireless message this morning mentioned no lives being lost, and the New Orleans rumor is not believed.

The gist of the belief of the weather experts is that Galveston has suffered only slightly in one of the worst storms in fifteen years, but that coastal crops and farm houses may have been greatly damaged. It is believed that all left the dangerous points.

Train service everywhere in southeast Texas is crippled and at most places paralyzed. Wire communication with Houston, Galveston and Beaumont was out all day, and the wires are bad all over south Texas.

Since the wireless mentioned no great damage, it is believed that the greatest havoc was wrought on the main land, where crops and farm houses were at the mercy of the wind, which reached a velocity of seventy miles per hour.

The United States weather service kept in close touch with the approach of the storm and had sent ample warnings to the residents. Already proposals are being made here and in other cities to rush relief where it may be needed, as soon as transportation facilities have been supplied.

### Damage Was Very Light

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 17.—Galveston today has passed through one of the worst storms in fifteen years, and is ready to repair the comparatively small damage done by the hurricane. Five feet of water stands in the downtown section, but it is slowly draining off.

Two fires started this morning, one of which was at the Grand Hotel, but it is believed they are under perfect control of the fire department.

The transport McClelland late last night tore loose from her moorings and drifted half a mile to seaward.

The commercial wireless here and at Port Arthur are out of commission.

### Wires Down Everywhere

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.—With wires down all over south Texas, and communication with Galveston out since eight o'clock Monday, the fate of the island city is now not known, but it is believed that the storm has passed slightly west of that city and is wearing itself out on the coastal prairies. No loss of life has been reported nor great property damage. Just before the wires went out last evening, Galveston reported a gale of seventy miles per hour, but the people there seemed confident that the city was in no danger.

### Visitors Left Galveston

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 17.—The gulf storm did practically no damage here. There has been no loss of life discovered. The seawall built to protect the city, stood the test, as it has done on previous occasions.

The storm started during the late morning, Monday. At 7 o'clock the velocity was thirty-four miles an hour. By noon it had increased to sixty miles an hour, and during the afternoon increased to between sixty and seventy miles an hour. At 8:00 o'clock the

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